



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES 6-17-09

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee held at the City Council Chambers, City of Newport Beach, on **Wednesday, June 17, 2009**.

### Members Present:

X	Mike Henn, Chairman	X	Sheri Drewry
X	Keith Curry, Council Member	X	Jennifer Gonzalez
X	Steve Rosansky, Council Member	X	John Hyatt
E	Robert Hawkins, Planning Commissioner	E	Lloyd Ikerd
X	Mike McNamara, Vice Chairman	X	Brion Jeannette
A	Fred Ameri	E	Debra Legan
X	Craig Batley	X	Richard Luehrs
X	Seymour Beek	X	Scott Palmer
X	Jeffrey Cole	X	John Robinson
X	Steven Coyne	X	Gregg Schwenk
E	Gary DiSano	E	Gary Sherwin
X	Jim Donnell	X	Gay Wassall-Kelly
X	Kenneth Drellishak		

### Staff Representatives:

x	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager		
x	Leigh De Santis, Economic Development Administrator		
x	Katie Bowden, Economic Development Coordinator		

### Guests Present:

Roy Freeman	Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, Coastline Community College
Bill Kelly	Mr. Kevin McElroy, Coastline Community College
Jim Walker, NBRA	

### Roll Call and Introductions:

Chairman Henn called the meeting to order at 8:02 am and began self introductions of the assembled members, staff and guests.

## **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jim Donnell asked if everyone had received their invitation to a cocktail and briefing by the Irvine Company on its planned reinvestment in Fashion Island. The event is Wednesday, June 24 at 5 pm. Leigh DeSantis said she would e-mail the information.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Minutes of May 20, 2009.**

Chairman Henn called for comments on the draft minutes. Gregg Schwenk moved approval and Jim Donnell seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **2. Presentation by Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, Chancellor of Coastline Community College on the new campus to be built in Newport Beach.**

Coastline College has a tradition of conducting classes in the community rather than at one campus location. However, after approximately 25 years of operation in leased facilities the College began purchasing and building Learning Centers in student rich areas. There are two permanent Learning Centers, the Garden Grove Center in Garden Grove and the Le-Jao Center in Westminster. The college's administrative offices are in Fountain Valley. The proposed Newport Beach Center would be the third and would replace the leased Costa Mesa Center, in the former Mesa Verde Elementary School. Coastline anticipates closing escrow on a site at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Monrovia on August 10<sup>th</sup>. They will then proceed with plans to build a 60,000 sq ft facility that will house existing programs, permit them to move their Art Gallery onto the campus and have some room to grow.

To assist them through the final planning and construction stages Coastline will establish a Community Advisory Committee. The Committee will have the option of suggesting some new programming. Coastline plans to build a LEED certified building. Construction will take approximately two years. They hope to open the campus in spring 2012. They plan to offer multiple naming opportunities in exchange for donations – the center itself, the art gallery, each classroom etc.

Local programs include Early College High School, the Arts, and an Acquired Brain Injury Program. Because of its adjacency to what will likely be open space on Banning Ranch they hope to add environmental programs that might take advantage of that facility. Coastline's experience has been that in both Garden Grove and Westminster the opening of their campus had a revitalizing impact on the neighborhood. They are anticipating the same here in Newport Beach.

### **3. Discussion of the Restaurant Association BID supplemental funding request.**

The discussion was started by Sharon Wood reading Robert Hawkins' e-mail requesting the item go to the Committee and receive the Committee's support. Councilman Henn explained the NBRA funding request.

Discussion ensued; regarding the use of funds, the importance of the industry to the city, impacts of the recession, the need to invest in tough times, etc. Jim Walker answered questions on behalf of the NBRA. Richard Luehrs moved that the EDC support the NBRA request for supplemental budget funds. It received multiple seconds and was approved unanimously.

#### **4. Presentation by Leigh M. De Santis on the Work done by Buxton Community ID**

The presentation was deferred until July.

#### **5. EQAC Representative's Report**

EQAC is reviewing the Notices of Preparation for Sunset Ridge Park and the Megonigal residence. Councilman Henn complimented the EQAC on its two most recent reports, noting their quality and usefulness to the City Council.

#### **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Deferred report on Buxton Community ID  
Film Festival Wrap-up  
Budget/Revenue Update

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Henn called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:59 am.